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Report of the Special Political Committee

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Addendum

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 28, entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", in plenary meeting on the understanding that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

2. In accordance with that decision, the Special Political Committee devoted two meetings, its 13th and 14th meetings, on 2 and 3 November, to such hearings, in the course of which statements were made by 18 persons. Summaries of the statements are contained in the records of those meetings (A/SPC/44/SR.13 and 14). On 6 November, the Committee submitted a report to the General Assembly on its proceedings (A/44/709).

3. In its decision S-16/24 of 14 December 1989, taken at its sixteenth special session on apartheid and its destructive consequences in southern Africa the Assembly decided to re-open agenda item 28 of the forty-fourth session in order for the Assembly to resume its session to consider the report of the Secretary-General to be submitted on the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa (resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989) and to consider such activities as may be required.

4. Subsequently, in its decision 44/468 of 20 July 1990, the General Assembly decided to meet from 12 to 14 September 1990 in order to consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/44/960 and Add.1 and 2) submitted pursuant to its resolution S-16/1.

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5. On 4 September 1990, the President of the General Assembly sent a letter to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee (A/SPC/44/3), enclosing a letter dated 28 August 1990 addressed to the President by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, indicating that the latter had received several requests from non-governmental organizations wishing to be heard in the Special Political Committee at the time when the Assembly undertook its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General. Recalling that the Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting, had decided that agenda item 28 (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa) should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee, the President requested the Chairman of the Special Political Committee to convene a meeting of that Committee on 11 September 1990. He indicated that the list of organizations and individuals that had expressed the desire to be heard by the Committee would be transmitted to the Chairman as soon as it had been received.

6. Subsequently, on 6 and 7 September 1990, the President of the General Assembly sent further letters to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee (A/SPC/44/4 and 5) providing the names of non-governmental organizations and individuals that had expressed the desire to be heard by the Committee.

7. At its 26th meeting, on 11 September, the Committee considered and approved six requests for hearings, contained in documents A/SPC/44/4 and 5.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to hear the observers of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) and the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC), pursuant to their request.

9. Also at the same meeting, pursuant to its decisions taken earlier, the Committee heard statements by the following six persons:

Mrs. Jennifer DAVIS - American Committee on Africa

Mr. Boji JORDAN - American-South African Peoples' Friendship Association

Mr. Sekou NKRUMAH, on behalf of Mr. David BROTHERS - All-African Peoples' Revolutionary Party

Mr. Magnus WALAN - Africa Groups of Sweden; Isolate South Africa Committee

Mr. Gora IBRAHIM - Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania

Mr. Tebogo MAFOLE - African National Congress of South Africa

10. Texts of the statements are contained in the records of the 26th meeting (A/SPC/44/PV.26).

11. At its 26th meeting, the Committee decided to submit the present report to the General Assembly.

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